

I urge you to PRESERVE the requirement that the major telephone companies, such as Bell South, provide broadband connections to the market of independent Internet service providers. If this requirement is removed, the loss of competition among ISPs can not only raise prices but erode service options. I chose an independent ISPs because they if offered a broader suite of services than PacBell or SBC. Because these larger companies must compete for business with the independent ISPs, they must broaden their service options and constantly maintain customer service.

Please do not regulate broadband service IF that regulation ultimately produces a loss of diversity of service and scale among providers in the marketplace.

Thank you.